Lower Merion Historical Society  
Minutes of the 66th Annual Board Meeting  
Lower Merion Academy  
Sunday, April 26, 2015


Excused Absences: Max Buten, Pete Hoskins, Bobbie McElroy

Jerry Francis called the meeting to order at 11:30am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Minutes of the January 19, 2015 Board Meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Jerry Francis made Opening Remarks on the topic of Life Post Cynwyd Train Station Revitalization. Some of the Society’s initiatives can be outlined as:

STEWARDSHIP OF LOCAL HISTORY
- We are in control of two historical resources; namely, the Lower Merion Academy & the Cynwyd Train Station.
- Our Special Library Collection has been recognized by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania for its excellence in quality and quantity.
- New acquisitions of our Special Library Collection is ongoing.

EDUCATION OF THE COMMUNITY
- Provide continuing education of our volunteers.
- Offer free workshops, lectures and events to the general public.
- Ongoing website development. Our library collection is the backbone of our organization, our virtual library has many virtual users with more than 2 million visits since November 2001.
- Perform personalized research for our library patrons...at no charge.
- Various publishing venues; for example, Main Line Today magazine, Main Line Times newspaper, LMTV shows, eNewsletter “Milestones”, Facebook and YouTube.

PRFESERVATION OF HISTORIC RESOURCES
- The William Penn Inn - need I say more!
- Challenges - revitalization of the Egyptian (Bala) Theater.
- Designation of Milestones as “historic objects”.
- Re-dedication of the 1919 DAR plaque at St. John’s in Bala Cynwyd

OUTREACH TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE
We sponsor two local organizations; namely,
- **Cub Scouts Pack 581** (feeder troop in Boy Scouts Bala One)
  * Bi weekly events and camping experiences.
  * Perform community service at the Cynwyd Station Park Clean-Up
- **Friends of the Cynwyd Station Park**
  * Turtle Island Tree Sculpture.
  * P&CRR Maker and Interpretive Sign.

In the near future…**Lower Merion and Narberth Community Television**.
In the future…Lower Merion Preservation Foundation.

**Treasurer’s Report.** Leon Levine submitted a preliminary *Profit & Loss Statement* from January through December 2014. The *Financial Review Statement* for January through March 2015 is in progress. When the tax season is over, Gay Kay (J. Bernard Kay & Company CPA) will produce this report and it will be available at our June meeting.

**2014 Financial Review Report.** Carole Strickland & Perrin Hamilton reported that when the tax season is over, Gay Kay (J. Bernard Kay & Company CPA) will continue his meeting with them of the review 2014 activity.

**Public Access Television Report.** Ken Brier & Perrin Hamilton updated the board with their meetings with the *Cable Television Advisory Committee* (CTAC). Negotiations are proceeding smoothly with a collaborative agreement between *Lower Merion & Narberth Community Television* and *Radnor Studio 21*.

**Nominating Committee Report and the Election of Officers and Directors.**
The Committee nominated the following slate of Officers and they were elected for a two-year term:

  - **President:** Gerald A. Francis
  - **Vice President:** Kenneth L. Brier
  - **Treasurer:** Leon Levine
  - **Corresponding Secretary:** (intentionally left vacant)
  - **Recording Secretary:** Barbara C. McElroy

The Committee nominated the following slate of Directors and they were elected for a three-year term:

  - **Class of 2018:** Louis Barson, Patrick A. Doyle, Sr., Joanne Murray

The meeting adjourned at 12:30pm and reconvened at the *Cynwyd Station Park*
*For the Third Annual Craft Fair and (Mostly) Native Plant Sale*

The Next Board Meeting is Scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 7:30pm at the Lower Merion Academy

Respectfully Submitted by Jerry Francis